

REMARKS

The Office Action states that claims 1-30 and 34-44 (Group I) are drawn to accessing resources on a network, classified in class 709, subclass 229 and claims 31-33 (Group II) are drawn to modifying resources before they are sent to the client, classified in class 709, subclass 230. In support of this restriction requirement, the Examiner asserts that the inventions of Groups I and II are distinct because they are unrelated.

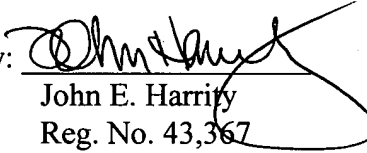
M.P.E.P. § 808.01 discloses that inventions can be unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not satisfied this burden with respect to Groups I and II. Instead, the Examiner merely alleges that the "different" inventions are information retrieval by using (1) controlled access to a private network and (2) protocol implementing. The Examiner, thus, has not shown, as required by M.P.E.P. § 808.01, that the alleged unrelated groups of inventions are not disclosed as capable of use together and that they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

If the Examiner persists in maintaining the restriction requirement, Applicants elect claims 1-30 and 34-44 of Group I with traverse.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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